

DISTANCE LEARNING STANDARD – A.R.M. 10.55.907 - SUMMARIZED

- School districts may receive or provide distance learning*
- Rule establishes requirements for distance learning programs and/or courses that fulfill elementary or middle school basic education program requirements and/or high school graduation requirements
- School districts may receive distance learning to supplement instruction as *supplementary* resources without restriction.
- Course content: must align with Montana content and performance standards.

Teachers of Distance Learning Courses	When Teacher Licensed and Properly Endorsed	When Teacher Not Licensed or Properly Endorsed
	Shall be licensed and endorsed in area of instruction through a teacher preparation program accredited by NCATE** or a state board of education. The district shall assign a trained facilitator for each distance-learning course.	If teacher is not licensed and endorsed by NCATE or a state board of education, the district facilitator must hold a Montana educator license.
Facilitator	The district facilitator must be a licensed teacher or para-educator.	Facilitator must hold a Montana educator license.
Requirements for all Facilitators	District will assure that all facilitators receive in-service training pertaining to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course organization 2. Classroom management 3. Technical aspects of delivery method 4. Strategies for use of distance learning 5. Monitoring of student testing 6. Securing other services as needed 	
Requirements for Distance Learning Providers	Providers will annually <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register with the Montana Office of Public Instruction 2. Identify all Montana school districts to whom they are delivering distance learning 3. Verify the professional qualifications of course teachers 4. Provide course descriptions, including content and delivery model, for each program and/or course 5. Demonstrate that students have ongoing contact with the distance-learning teachers. 	

* Distance Learning includes online and technology-delivered learning.

**NCATE means National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education